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INSTALLATION OF THE CHAPTER AT RUTGERS COLLEGE AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

The installation of the chapter was held on Friday evening, March 10, at the Hotel Klein, in New Brunswick. A dinner was served at 6:30 P. M., at which were present the members of the petitioning group, representatives from Columbia and Princeton Universities, and Dr. C. E. McClung, and Dr. Edward Ellery, representing the National Society.

After the dinner, the meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, Dr. T. J. Headlee, who gave an account of the events leading up to the installation. The chairman read a letter from Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, president of the college, expressing his satisfaction in the establishing of the chapter at Rutgers, and giving all good wishes for its prosperity. Dr. Headlee then turned over the meeting to Dr. Edward Ellery, secretary of the National Society, who read the petition from the local group.

The charter was presented, with appropriate remarks, by Dr. C. E. McClung, past-president of the Society, who then announced the establishing of the chapter of Sigma Xi at Rutgers College and the State University of New Jersey. Dr. McClung also officiated at the election of officers of the new chapter. The officers chosen for the coming year are:

Melville T. Cook,.....	President
Francis C. Van Dyck,.....	Vice-president
George Winchester,.....	Treasurer
P. A. van der Meulen,.....	Secretary

The new officers were installed at once by Dr. McClung. The president of the chapter, then called upon Dr. A. R. Moore, chairman of the Committee on Research, of the faculty, who replied in behalf of the Rutgers Chapter. Dr. Moore spoke in part as follows:

"There is the very great task of awakening the people of the state to a realization of the social and cultural value of pure science, the pursuit of truth for its own sake. The spirit of impartial investiga-

tion is the only spirit which will dispel prejudice and with it many of our social and political ills. It will be remembered that mediæval Europe did not find inconsistent, the elaborate scholasticism and theology of the period, with witch burning and generally barbarous attitude toward human life. The situation was cleared up only with the development of the scientific spirit on the part of the ruling classes. We also have seen witch hunting in our own day, and I am not far wrong when I say that the happy future of our land depends upon the further spread among our people and a deeper cultivation generally of the scientific method and attitude."

"We have tonight, a mere glimpse of our problems and our opportunities. We accept your charge, Mr. Secretary, with a high faith in the great future of Sigma Xi."

An address on "Cooperative Effort in Research" was delivered by Dr. C. E. McClung. The speaker traced briefly the growth of Sigma Xi, and drew attention to the great possibilities for service to science, before the society. He pointed out that the early ideals of the founders are only being realized now. The great development and diversification of the sciences has brought about the necessity for collaboration of workers in related fields. The Sigma Xi Society, through periodical meetings, and by fostering the spirit of comradeship, has done much to advance this cooperation of effort. In establishing a research fellowship, supported entirely by voluntary subscriptions of the members, the Society has taken the first step to further scientific investigation in a still more effective manner.

Brief remarks were made by Dr. Lauder W. Jones, and Dr. A. W. C. Menzies of Princeton University, and by Professor I. K. Finch, representing the Columbia Chapter.

P. A. VAN DER MEULEN, *Secretary*